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26th November, 1982.

Mr. Ian Cox,
 Director,
 Department of Community Welfare,
 Grenfell Street,
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Dear Mr. Cox,

re: "EDEN PARK" CHILD CARE SERVICES

This is to formally inform you that The Salvation Army Social Services Department has taken the decision to terminate the residential service for boys at "Eden Park", as from 31st December, 1982.

Following agreement between ourselves, we had pursued that intention to maintain one cottage. However, during the period since then we have to recognise that there appears to be no present need for this service. Examination of admission applications received during the period March to October of this year, indicates the present limited demand for this service. The following will make this pattern quite clear:

<u>TOTAL APPLICATIONS</u>	14
Admitted	8
Otherwise resolved	6
Present occupancy	7
Discharge due end of year	5
<u>REFERRAL SOURCES</u>	
Mitchell House Clinic	6
D.C.W.	4
Flinders Medical Centre	2
Private	2

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It becomes apparent that a viable operation at a reasonable level is now not possible, nor would it be sensible to maintain the financial contributions by Social Security, D.C.W. and The Salvation Army.

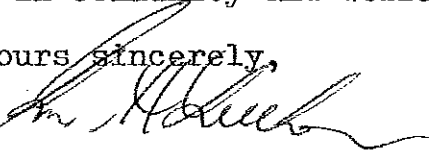
The Salvation Army has been caring for twelve months for boys classified as severely emotionally disturbed, and, during that time, referring Agencies have indicated the continuing need, but, obviously, there is a change in the pattern of child care which we must recognise.

The two boys likely to remain at the end of the year are well able to be absorbed into our Fullarton Child Care and Family Centre.

Brigadier H. Steer has been in discussion with the various Departments and referring Agencies, indicating the termination of these residential child care services.

In conveying this information to you, I wish to express our appreciation of yourself, and your officers, during this recent period of appraisal, and for the co-operation we have enjoyed with your Department throughout the period of the services. We look forward to future co-operative arrangements in community and welfare services.

Yours sincerely,



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